Minutes- October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Donna Swain and the invocation was given by Roberta Kellner. Amy Anderson gave our treasurers report. Amy told us that our club has recently changed banks, and we will no longer be charged a fee on our account. Two deposits were made recently from the money raised from t-shirt and sign sales. Our balance as of our September meeting was $7,323.54.

Our guest speakers for the September meeting were from CARPOOL. Ryan Montgomery, who is one of the directors, was there along with Rachel Pardes, Mamta Kothari, and Jamie Pilgrim. CARPOOL is a wonderful system that is a non-judgmental, confidential free ride service. The service operates Thursday-Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. CARPOOL’s goal is to provide safe rides that will prevent drunk driving accidents. Approximately 250 students participate in this great program. They give an average of 700 rides per weekend. CARPOOL was started in 1999 by Jeff Shefilbein, when he was required to attend a MADD meeting.

Here are some of the facts that were shared with us about CARPOOL:

* You don’t have to be a student to get a ride
* The drivers won’t take a rider to parties, commercial areas or bars
* You are only allowed one ride a night
* CARPOOL is funded by an endowment of 125,000 from the University and the rest is from fund raising
* The drivers use rental vehicles from Enterprise Rentals
* The drivers bring home male riders first and then female riders to help keep the females safe.
* Eight vehicles run at a time
* Game weekends they run approximately 13-15 cars, and 5 are vans
* To be involved all drivers have to do is have a valid driver’s license and personal insurance.
* This was the nation’s first safe ride program in the country.

New Business:

After this great presentation, Anna Sheurich spoke to us about our greenery and poinsettia sale. All orders are due by November 2, and the money is due up front. Checks should be made out to Beaumont Aggie Mom’s Club.

Greenery Prices are :

* 20” wreath - $25
* 24” wreath- $30
* Garland- $25

All of the greenery and poinsetta’s will be delivered to Anna’s house the week after Thanksgiving. Remember, the more we sell, the less we will have to fund raise the rest of the year.

Theresa Caraway spoke to use about our exciting upcoming concert with the Singing Cadets in January. We need volunteers to house the 80 cadets that will be here. The facility that we are using seats about 400 people. At this time, details for A motion was made by Mrs. Wike that ticket prices be set at $15 for adults, and $5 for children under five year’s old.

Other new business-

* We need someone to make us a quilt square for the Aggie quilt.
* We will meet on December 6 at 1:30 in the St. Anne’s cafeteria to put together our fall semester finals goodie bags. Contact Chrissy Darling to sign up for snacks and goodies for the bags

Our next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Giving Field.

The meeting was adjourned by Donna Swain at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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